

RENEWAL

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY
NOVEMBER 6, 2007

What will it cost homeowners?

This is a levy renewal - NOT A NEW TAX - and it will **NOT** be an increase of tax.

Market Value	x	35%	=	Assessed Value	x	Effective Millage	÷	1,000	=	Annual Tax	Cost per Day
100,000	x	35%	=	35,000	x	0.6511155	÷	1,000	=	\$23	6 cents
150,000	x	35%	=	52,500	x	0.6511155	÷	1,000	=	\$34	9 cents
200,000	x	35%	=	70,000	x	0.6511155	÷	1,000	=	\$46	13 cents
250,000	x	35%	=	87,500	x	0.6511155	÷	1,000	=	\$57	16 cents

VALUE OF O-G EDUCATION AS WITNESSED BY FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Kevin Brinkman
Superintendent

Last year Ottawa-Glandorf Schools had the pleasure of having several foreign exchange students attend our High School. It is always beneficial for our students to share educational experience with exchange students as well as gain a better understanding of other countries through a personal experience. Last May Stefania Arias, exchange student from Argentina, shared her thoughts by writing a letter to me addressing her American educational experience. I would like to share this letter with you.



Ottawa-Glandorf Schools
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Dear Mr. Brinkman,

I am writing this letter to thank you and the school board for receiving and welcoming me to Ottawa-Glandorf High School, for the period of six months. I am grateful to you for enabling me to successfully fulfill this exchange experience, academically and culturally.

Firstly, I would like to point out the patience and diligence with which every member of your staff treated me and helped me whenever I needed it. Such kindness and hospitality was most appreciated and it contributed to making me feel confident, supported, and very warmly welcome, as well.

In addition I would like to compliment you on the quality and level of education you provide to students. The teachers appear to be devoted, well informed and their classes proved very productive for me. I was able to understand and learn more about the American way of life through the newly acquired knowledge.

Furthermore, I enjoyed the sports events, such as the basketball games, track meets, and so on and also the choir and art events, which I am happy to have taken part in. Dinner theatre, the Spring Concert, and the art shows, were certainly highlights of my experience at school.

All in all, once again I would like to express my gratitude towards you for opening the doors of OGHS to me. I have had an unforgettable, remarkable experience and a great part of it took place at school.

Yours sincerely,

Stefania Arias

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TITAN TRADITION



Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools

October, 2007

FLOOD SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR O-G STAFF AND STUDENTS

The students and staff of Ottawa-Glandorf Schools and Sts. Peter and Paul School are now beginning to settle into what some might say is a normal routine after the first six weeks of school. As the school year began, the teachers, staff, and students knew they would be faced with challenges that they were never required to face before the flood of 2007 affected this community in ways unimaginable. For many families this recovery time will continue for many months and years to come. We continue to think about these families and wish them the best as they continue to work towards recovery.

In school, our staff and students have taken this opportunity to learn about how the qualities of working together for a common goal can have a positive impact in the light of a disaster. The students and staff of Ottawa and Glandorf Elementaries, S.P.P.S., and OGHS have been working very hard cooperating with all groups to assure that every student will have a positive educational experience during this school year. We continue to be impressed with our students and are very proud of them as they demonstrate a true willingness to work together. Our students have already learned far more than what is being taught from any textbook. Skills such as cooperation, compassion, problem solving, working with others towards a common goal, and understanding the needs of others are just a few skills learned. It is these life lessons that I hope our students will remember for a very long time.

We are also very proud of this community and the support we have received for our staff and students. Many individuals and surrounding schools have donated money to our flood relief fund established within the school. So far \$26,844.91 has been donated to help the students and staff members of O-G Schools and S.P.P.S. Because of the generosity of many people, ninety-nine students and twelve staff members have already received assistance through this fund. Student lunch accounts were credited and in many cases their book bills were also paid. With the remaining money, students received Ottawa Chamber Certifa-checks redeemable at participating Ottawa and Glandorf area businesses.



Thanks to the following area businesses and schools that have donated to this fund including:

- Celina Athletic Department
- Celina Middle Schools
- Clear Channel Radio Stations
- Columbus Grove High School
- Defiance City Schools
- Edgerton Schools
- Edon Northwest School
- Kids Count - Kalida
- Napoleon City Schools
- Ottawa-Glandorf Jaycees
- Shawnee Local Schools
- St. Mary's Schools
- Superior Federal Credit Union
- Whiteland Community School (Indiana)
- University of Findlay Law Department
- Wapakoneta City Schools

On behalf of the staff and students of Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the above businesses and area schools for your financial support.

For families that have not already received assistance, or are in need of additional assistance, are urged to call the Volunteer Connection at 419-523-3288.

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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY

Kevin Brinkman
Superintendent

At the July School Board meeting, the Board of Education passed a resolution to place the 1.5 mill Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy on the November Ballot. This levy was originally passed by the residents of Ottawa-Glandorf Schools in 1979 and has been renewed eight times since its inception. This levy is very important to the O-G Schools as it is used to update and maintain the existing buildings and other physical assets of the District. I take great pride in maintaining the appearance, safety, and efficiency of all buildings within our District. Money generated from this levy can not be used for salaries and benefits of our employees, nor can it be used for other operating expenses. In the past years the money generated from this levy has been used for the following:

- ▶ To purchase new school buses
- ▶ Replacement of computers
- ▶ Repairs to existing equipment
- ▶ Replacement of handicapped wheelchair lift
- ▶ Roof maintenance agreements
- ▶ Added aisle handrails to the bleachers in the gym and Titan Stadium home section
- ▶ Asphalt paving (playground areas and bus loading and unloading zones)
- ▶ Improvements to athletic facilities

The Permanent Improvement Levy is a request to renew the current levy of 1.5 mills for five years. This is not a request for additional taxes. The County Auditor projects this levy to generate \$136,737.60 per year for our District. Because of the current state law and as a result of House Bill 920, this levy has been subject to several reduction factors over the years. Although the stated millage is 1.5 mills, these reduction factors result in the taxes only being collected at .6511 mills. This means that the owner of a \$100,000 house will pay approximately \$23 per year for this levy. (Please refer to the chart listed on the back for more examples.) The formula to estimate your taxes is as follows:

$$\text{Market Value} \times 35\% = \text{Assessed Value} \times \text{Effective Millage} \div 1,000 = \text{Annual Tax}$$

The funds generated from this Renewal Levy will be used to continue to maintain the safety of our school bus fleet as well as our buildings and grounds. It will cost us approximately \$82,000 to purchase one school bus per year. This does not leave us much to continue maintenance of our facilities to the standards our community expects. The rest of the monies would be used for updating computers, equipment repairs, and needed repairs to the visitor bleachers at Titan Stadium to meet safety standards.

If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss with me personally, please stop by my office or give me a call and I would be more than willing to listen or answer any questions you might have. The telephone number is 419-523-5261 and my e-mail address is og_supt@noacsc.org.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2007

**OTTAWA-GLANDORF SCHOOLS
WELCOME
KATHY FRUCHEY**

Hi, I'm Kathy Fruchey, the new treasurer at Ottawa-Glandorf Local School District. I'm a graduate of Ottawa-Glandorf High School and the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Accounting. I was employed by Philips Display Components for nearly twenty years in various accounting positions. Then in 2000 I acquired my state treasurer's license and became treasurer at Pandora-Gilboa Local School District for seven years. While there I worked extensively with the Ohio School Facilities Commission in the building of the new school and gained knowledge and experience in school finance. Now I'm back in Ottawa-Glandorf School District utilizing these same skills.

My husband, Tim, is employed at W.C. Wood and we have two married children, Brian and Erin, who are also graduates of Ottawa-Glandorf High School. We reside in Ottawa-Glandorf Local School District.

I'm looking forward to working with the staff in further developing budgets and working with the community to ensure the financial integrity of Ottawa-Glandorf Local School District.

Please feel welcome to call me at any time with questions you may have. My phone number is 419-523-5690 and my e-mail address is og_treas@noacsc.org

ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR 2006-07

Mary Jo Williams
Director of Special Services

The Ottawa-Glandorf Schools have recently received copies of our local report card reflecting the results from the Ohio Achievement Tests and Ohio Graduation Test given in the spring of 2007. Student achievement continues to be at a very high level in almost all tested areas, including new tests just added this past school year.

The Ohio Graduation Test was given in all five subject areas and students are required to pass all parts of the test in order to graduate from high school. Last year's sophomore class performed very well, and achieved the following passage rates:

Reading	93.8%
Writing	96.9%
Mathematics	96.9%
Social Studies	93.1%
Science	88.1%

Passage rates in all tested areas are higher than the averages for districts that are demographically similar to Ottawa-Glandorf, and are much higher than state averages.

Many new achievement tests were added last year, including science and social studies for grades 5 and 8. These new tests measure student achievement against the current Ohio Academic Content Standards. Results in grades 3-8 are indicated by the following passage rates:

Grade 3	Reading	86.1%
	Mathematics	92.1%
Grade 4	Reading	86.6%
	Mathematics	92.8%
	Writing	95.9%
Grade 5	Reading	84.9%
	Mathematics	79.1%
	Science	75.6%
	Social Studies	76.7%
Grade 6	Reading	82.4%
	Mathematics	81.4%
Grade 7	Reading	88.6%
	Mathematics	89.5%
	Writing	88.6%
Grade 8	Reading	91.1%
	Mathematics	82.4%
	Science	81.2%
	Social Studies	68.3%

The criteria set by the Ohio Department of Education is a 75% passage rate for all tests, which we met in every category except for Social Studies (grade 8). Although we failed to meet the 75% rate, our district outperformed similar districts (59.2% average) and the state (49.3% average) by a wide margin, indicating that the difficulty level of this particular test played a large role in our results.

Our graduation rates and student attendance rates are also very high, therefore our district met 29 of 30 indicators. Our district is classified as "Excellent", which is the highest rating possible.

One additional measure of accountability required by the federal government is AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). This measure requires that all students as a whole, as well as sub-groups of students (such as students on IEP's or students who are economically disadvantaged), achieve at various performance levels that are set by the Ohio Department of Education and approved by the federal government. These criteria increased again last year, and will continue to increase over the next few years, giving us a constantly more difficult target to hit, with the goal being a 100% passage rate by the 2013-14 school year!

The Ottawa-Glandorf Schools did not meet AYP either of the first two years that it was calculated, then did meet the AYP goals set for our district in 2004-05, but failed to meet AYP for the last two school years. The only reason we failed to meet AYP as a district last year was due to our subgroup of IEP students not meeting the criteria set for them in reading only. Our students as a whole, including all other subgroups of students (white, Hispanic, economically disadvantaged), met their AYP goals in reading and mathematics.

We are extremely pleased with the progress we are making in meeting increasingly difficult achievement standards. An important factor in our success is the dedication of everyone involved to do what is necessary to get the job done. We are indeed fortunate to have a combination of effective teachers and administrators, concerned parents, and hard-working students. We will continue to work hard to improve where it is needed and to maintain excellence where it already exists.

Thanks to the Ottawa-Glandorf Athletic Boosters for the donation of the beautiful stadium fence.



Home of the "Titans"!